

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Elections – Biennial Election to the Telangana Legislative Council from 09 Local Authorities' Constituencies for 12 seats scheduled to be held on 10.12.2021 (Friday) – Measures to check “ Paid News “ during election i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News published in Print Media and telecast in Electronic Media and also Social Media - Constitution of State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) – Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 2556

Dated: 18-11-2021

Read the following:

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Orders in S.L.P.(c) No. 6679/2004, dated 13.04.2004.
2. Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated 15.04.2004.
3. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2012/Media, dated 27.08.2012.
4. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dated 25.02.2019.
5. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/MCMC/2021/Communication, dated 19.03.2021.
6. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Press Note No.ECI/PN/92/2021, dated 09.11.2021.

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ORDER:

Pursuant to the directions of the Election Commission of India vide its orders second to sixth read above, State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) is constituted with the members mentioned below as a measure to check “Paid News” during election i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News telecast in Electronic Media i.e. on TV Channels, Cable Networks, Cinema Halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels; publication in Print Media and campaigning in Social Media in connection with the conduct of the Biennial Election to the Telangana Legislative Council from Adilabad, Warangal, Nalgonda, Medak, Nizamabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar and Ranga Reddy Local Authorities' Constituencies scheduled to be held on 30.10.2021.

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| 1) Dr. Shashank Goel, I.A.S.,
Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana State | ... Chairperson |
| 2) Dr.P.Manas Krishnakant I.I.S.
Deputy Director, Regional Outreach Bureau
Press Information Bureau,
M/o Information & Broadcasting, G.O.I.
Ground Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Sultan Bazar,
Hyderabad - 500 095 | ... Nodal Officer |
| 3) Any Observer appointed by the ECI | ... Member |
| 4) Dr. K.Stevenson,
Professor & Head Media Advisor,
Department of Journalism & Mass Communication,
Osmania University, Hyderabad - 500 007. | ... Member |
| 5) Smt V.Gayatri, IIS,
Media & Communication Officer
Press Information Bureau,
M/o Information & Broadcasting, G.O.I.
CGO Towers, Kavadiiguda,
Hyderabad – 500 095. | ... Member |
| 6) Sri M.A. Majid, Senior Journalist &
Member, Press Council of India, Hyderabad. | ... Member |

(P.T.O)

- 7) Sri M.Madhavacharya ... Member
Assistant Director, Digital Media,
(Intermediary Expert / Social Media Expert)
O/o the Director, Digital Media,
T.S.Secretariat, 5th Floor,B.R.K.Bhavan,
Hyderabad – 29.
- 8) Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti I.A.S, ... Member Secretary
Addl. Chief Electoral Officer

2. The above State Level MCMC shall decide appeals received from both the District Level MCMC and the Committee on Certification of election advertisement as per the ECI Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated 15/04/2004 besides examining all cases of Paid News on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases that they may take up suo motu, in which case it shall direct the concerned R.O. to issue notices to the candidates.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**Dr. SHASHANK GOEL
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O.SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Chairperson and Members of the State Level MCMC Committee constituted herein.
{Along with copy of the ECI Letter No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication,
dated 27.08.2012; 25.02.2019 and 19.03.2021}.

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Adilabad, Warangal, Nalgonda, Medak,
Nizamabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar and Ranga Reddy (w.e.)

The Returning Officers of Adilabad, Warangal, Nalgonda, Medak, Nizamabad, Khammam,
Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar and Ranga Reddy Local Authorities' Constituencies (w.e.)
{Through the Collector & District Election Officer concerned}.

The Presidents of all Political Parties for the State of Telangana
{Recognized National and State Level Political Parties}

{Along with copy of the ECI Lr.No.491/Paid News/2019/Media, dated 27.08.2012;
25.02.2019 and 19.03.2021}

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Samachar
Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004.

All the Television Channels / Cable Network Operators/ All India Radio and Private F.M.
Channels {Through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.}

Copy to :

1. The Chairperson and Members of the Addl. CEO's Committee on Certification of election advertisements Constituted (w.e.)
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt, Information Technology Electronics and Communications Department, Telangana State, Secretariat, 5th Floor, B.R.K. Bhavan, Hyderabad-29.
3. The Director General (South Zone), Press Information Bureau, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, GOI, Room No.203, 2nd Floor, CGO Towers, Kavadiaguda, Sec'bad – 80.
4. Director, Prasar Bharthi, Door Darshan Kendra, Telangana State, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad- 500 013.
5. The Station Director, Prasar Bharthi, All India Radio, Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500004.
6. The P.M. I.T and S.L.A. O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in CEOs website.
7. All the Officers, in G.A (Elections) Dept., and P.S/ PA to the CEO/ Addl. CEO/ Joint CEO/ Dy. CEO.
8. Sri Suman Kumar Das, Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER